

C1 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections

SECTION I

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. I can't believe it! Do you mean to tell me that Barry ..... money from the till all this time?

- a) was stolen
- b) has been stealing
- c) stole
- d) is stealing

2. They went on holiday while their house .....

- a) decorated
- b) is being decorated
- c) was being decorated
- d) has been decorated

3. You can try asking him for help but it ..... you any good.

- a) won't do
- b) isn't doing
- c) won't be doing
- d) won't have done

4. The flat was deserted but it was obvious that somebody ..... there.

- a) had been living
- b) has been living
- c) was lived
- d) would have lived

5. If he ..... the 8.10 train, he would be here by now.

- a) doesn't miss
- b) wouldn't miss
- c) wasn't missing
- d) hadn't missed

6. He promised me the car ..... by Friday, but it wasn't.

- a) was repaired
- b) would have been repaired
- c) was being repaired
- d) will be repaired

7. She ..... her ticket while she ..... to catch the train.

- a) was dropping / ran
- b) has dropped / was running
- c) dropped / was running
- d) was dropping / was running

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8. Only when they switched on the light, ..... the mess.
- a) did they see
  - b) they saw
  - c) they have seen
  - d) have they seen
9. By the end of this year, he ..... in that house for fifty years.
- a) will live
  - b) will have been living
  - c) has been living
  - d) will be living
10. .... you the job, would you accept?
- a) Did they offer
  - b) Were they offered
  - c) If they had offered
  - d) Were they to offer

Section 2

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. Sarah and John are very late. They ..... lost.
- a) must to get
  - b) must have got
  - c) must get
  - d) must have be
2. Susan has received top marks in all of her classes. She is .....
- a) down in the dumps
  - b) in the hot seat
  - c) over the moon
  - d) on the horizon
3. The bank robber promised that nobody would get hurt, ..... they did as he ordered.
- a) even if
  - b) as far as
  - c) as long as
  - d) unless
4. John admitted to ..... a mistake.
- a) having made
  - b) have made
  - c) to make
  - d) having to made
5. Chris decided to try and ..... a new firm.
- a) get by
  - b) come up
  - c) carry out
  - d) set up

6. As long as you live within ....., you won't have problems with debts.  
a) your means  
b) your power  
c) your reach  
d) your sight
7. Joan's very practical, isn't she? She's really .....  
a) got her head in the clouds  
b) bitten off more than she can chew  
c) got her head screwed on  
d) painted the town red
8. Christine is always running ..... after the children. She has so much energy!  
a) up  
b) round  
c) in  
d) back
9. If you ..... your eyes open, you'll see many interesting animals on the savannah.  
a) keep  
b) hold  
c) fix  
d) stand
10. Upbringing is very important in forming your ..... to the world.  
a) opinion  
b) attitude  
c) position  
d) view

SECTION 3

COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE SO THAT IT MEANS THE SAME AS THE ORIGINAL.

1. Caleb admires and respects his father for all of the marvellous things he has done.

Caleb looks ..... for all of the marvellous things he has done.

2. He was caught because the detective recognised him on the video tape.

If the detective ..... on the video tape, ..... caught.

3. Sally is happier when she goes to the gym often.

The more ..... to the gym, .....

4. They are going to paint Jamie's new house tomorrow.

Jamie is .....tomorrow.

5. She promised to give them a lift to the station the next morning but didn't show up.

She promised to give them a lift to the station the next morning but let .....

6. "I'm sorry. I can't make it to the dinner party this evening," said David.

David apologised ..... it to the dinner party that evening.

7. All the facts were not made public until later.

Only later ..... public.

8. Unfortunately, I've got to work late tonight.

I wish ..... late tonight.

9. They've encountered some slight problems.

They've run .....some slight problems.

10. We can offer you accommodation for a few days.

We can ..... up for a few days.

SECTION 4

FILL THE GAPS IN THE PASSAGE WITH WORDS FORMED FROM THE 'ROOT' WORDS BELOW.

SUCCESS

PROCESS  
COMPETE

EDUCATE  
ENJOY

POSSIBLE  
EMOTION

FULFIL GOVERN  
HAPPY

Women fail to balance career and home life

Two in every three women want to quit the rat race as they try to juggle the 1..... demands of work and home, a survey has found. Trying hard – but failing – to achieve a balanced life is the greatest obstacle to a woman's 2....., according to the survey of 2,000 women with an average age of 38. The survey presents complex findings to the 3....., whose policies have been designed to encourage most mothers to work.

A document from the Women and Equality Unit said women with young children should go to work. It suggested that mothers who stayed at home were failing to pay the state back for the cost of their time at school or university. Working mothers were “maximising returns on public and private investment in 4..... and training,” it said.

Measures to help those wanting more time at home included increased maternity pay, extended maternity leave and paternity leave and new rights on flexible hours. Yet the survey for Top Sante Health and Beauty magazine found that women were often frustrated because they could not cope with work and home life. Much of women’s anxiety appears to come from the 5..... high standards set by so-called “super moms”.

Three quarters of women surveyed, whose average total household income was £39,000, said their lives were not what they thought they would be. Six out of ten complained that their sex lives and social lives were 6.....

Marina Gask, the editor of Top Sante, said: “The ‘have it all’ dream has turned into a ‘do it all’ nightmare.” In reality, most women struggle to look after their family and hold down a demanding job to make ends meet. Despite their hard work, many are up to their necks in debt, feel 7..... drained, financially 8..... and unsatisfied sexually and socially.

The endless 9..... of elegant celebrities left most women feeling imperfect. Their poor body image played on their minds and ruined their 10..... of everyday life. Unlike their grandmothers, they are no longer prepared to accept ageing. As a result, more women than ever are turning to the extreme option of cosmetic surgery which they regard as a quick fix to their body problems.

#### SECTION 5

READ THE PASSAGE AND UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION.

#### Road Warriors: Why guys act macho

If you drive on American motorways, you’ve probably noticed that, more and more often, bullets are coming through your windshield. This is a common sign of Road Rage, which opinion makers have decided is a serious problem, currently ranking just behind global warming and several points ahead of Asia.

How diffuse is Road Rage? To answer that question, researchers at the National Institute of Traffic Safety recently did a study in which they drove on the interstate motorway system in a specially equipped observation van. By the third day, they were deliberately running other motorists off the road.

“These people are MORONS!” was their official report.

That is the main cause of Road Rage: the realization that many of your fellow motorists have the same brain structure as a peanut. The most common example, of course, is the motorists who feel a need to drive in the left-hand or “fast” lane, even though they are going slower than everybody else. Nobody knows why these motorists do this. Maybe they belong to some kind of religious cult that believes the right lane is sacred and must never come in direct contact with tyres. Maybe one

time, years ago, these motorists happened to be driving in the left lane when their favourite song came on the radio, so they've driven over there ever since, in the hope that the radio will play that song again.

But whatever makes these people drive this way, there's nothing you can do about it. You can blow your horn at them, but it will have no effect. People have been blowing their horns at them for years: it's a normal part of their environment.

In addition to Road Rage, there is the experience of Car Park Rage, which occurs when a motorist pulls into a crowded supermarket car park and sees people get into their car, clearly ready to leave, so they stop their car and wait for the other to leave the spot, and .... Nothing happens! They just stay there! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY DOING IN THERE??!! COOKING DINNER???

Who knows? Perhaps they only do it to annoy.

When people finally get into the supermarket, they often experience Shopping Trolley Rage. This is caused by the people – and you just KNOW these are the same people who always drive in the left-hand lane – who routinely manage, by careful placement, to block the entire aisle with a single shopping trolley.

What makes the supermarket congestion even worse is that shoppers are taking longer and longer to decide what to buy, because every product in the supermarket now comes in an insane number of styles and sizes. For example, orange juice... for just one brand of orange juice, the shopper must decide between Original, Homestyle, Pulp Plus, Double Vitamin C, Calcium or Old Fashioned. Once that's decided, then there's the decision about 33 cl, half litre, one litre, one and a half litres or two litres or double pack size. TOO many choices. This creates 'Too Many Products Choice Rage'. A complaint to the producer will lead to experiencing 'Automated Phone Answering System Rage' ("... for questions about Pulp Plus in the one litre size, press 44. For questions about Pulp Plus in the two litre size, press 45. For questions about...")

The point is that there are many causes for rage in our modern world, and if we're going to avoid unnecessary violence, we all need to "keep a cool head on our shoulders". So let's try to be more considerate, OK? Otherwise....

1. Road Rage is.....
  - a) a less serious problem than global warming
  - b) a less serious problem than Asia
  - c) a more serious problem than global warming
  - d) making points about Asia concerns
  
2. The researchers at the National Institute of Traffic Safety decided that Road Rage is caused by.....
  - a) people driving in the left lane
  - b) people driving in the left lane hoping to hear their favourite song on the radio
  - c) people who are not very intelligent
  - d) people running other people off the road deliberately
  
3. In this case, "peanut" refers to .....
  - a) a very small car
  - b) the size of one's brain capacity
  - c) the belief that the left-hand lane is a sacred lane
  - d) the song being played on the radio

4. People who drive slowly in the fast lane are thought to be ...
  - a) very much in the right
  - b) very capable drivers
  - c) very intelligent
  - d) very stupid
  
5. Blowing your horn at these people....
  - a) is very effective
  - b) is very annoying
  - c) is acted upon immediately
  - d) is commonly accepted behaviour
  
6. The reason people don't move from their parking space at supermarkets is.....
  - a) they are cooking dinner
  - b) they are deciding what to cook for dinner
  - c) they may want to irritate the person waiting for the space
  - d) they don't know what to do
  
7. The people who cause Shopping Trolley Rage ...
  - a) are very efficient shoppers
  - b) are taking the test for their trolley license
  - c) are the same people who cause Road Rage
  - d) are expert car parkers
  
8. The reason why supermarkets are so crowded and slow is.....
  - a) people like to choose products quickly
  - b) people have to take their time choosing products
  - c) people don't have to be anywhere else, any time soon
  - d) people enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of the supermarket
  
9. The writer advises the reader to .....
  - a) enjoy air-conditioned comfort whenever possible
  - b) let themselves be taken away by any type of rage
  - c) try experiencing the different types of rage
  - d) remain calm at all times
  
10. What is the overall tone of the article?
  - a) Humorous and observant
  - b) Observant and serious
  - c) Serious and insulting
  - d) Insulting and humorous

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!

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